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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 8

Introduced by Assembly Member Wood

January 15, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 8—Relative to the ~~SO1 United States Navy (SEAL)~~ Jesse D. Pittman *SO1 Navy SEAL* Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 8, as amended, Wood. ~~SO1 United States Navy (SEAL)~~ Jesse D. Pittman *SO1 Navy SEAL* Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate a specified bridge located on the Highway 101 Willits Bypass in the County of Mendocino as the ~~SO1 United States Navy (SEAL)~~ Jesse D. Pittman *SO1 Navy SEAL* Memorial Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Jesse D. Pittman was born in Arcata, California
2 and raised in the town of Willits, California. After graduating from
3 Willits High School in 2002, Jesse spent two seasons as a wild
4 land firefighter with CAL-FIRE before he joined the United States
5 Navy in 2005 to become a SEAL commando. Jesse was as
6 renowned for his practical jokes as he was for his bravery and
7 discipline. As a Navy SEAL, Jesse went on missions both
8 dangerous and top secret; and

1 WHEREAS, Jesse, who spent most of his life in the town of
2 Willits in the County of Mendocino, died August 6, 2011, in
3 Taliban territory when the Chinook helicopter that carried him and
4 30 other American troops was shot down. It was the deadliest
5 incident for United States Armed Forces since the war in
6 Afghanistan began a decade ago. He was 27 years of age when he
7 died, a Navy petty officer first class and a member of the San
8 Diego-based SEAL Team 5, where he was affectionately known
9 as “Pitt”; and

10 WHEREAS, Wise beyond his years, Jesse did the things he
11 loved the best and chose careers that demanded skill and physical
12 excellence. Jesse had a saying among his Navy SEAL teammates,
13 “I don’t run, I charge,” which is exactly how he lived his life. He
14 embodied the Navy SEAL creed that SEALs are common men
15 with an uncommon desire to succeed; and

16 WHEREAS, Jesse was highly decorated by the United States
17 Navy. He received all of the following awards: the Joint Service
18 Commendation Medal with “V” device for valor, the Navy
19 Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal (2), the
20 Combat Action Ribbon, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the
21 Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal,
22 the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service
23 Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Rifle
24 Marksmanship Medal, the Pistol Marksmanship Medal, the Purple
25 Heart, and the Bronze Star with Valor; and

26 WHEREAS, Jesse was laid to rest on August 30, 2011, at Fort
27 Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, California. He is
28 survived by his parents, J. Pittman, Sr. and Ida Pittman, and his
29 brothers, J. Pittman, Jr. and Corey Pittman; and

30 WHEREAS, Designating Bridge No. 01-0165, the mile-long
31 viaduct still under construction, on the Highway 101 Willits Bypass
32 project in the County of Mendocino as the ~~SO1 (SEAL)~~ Jesse D.
33 Pittman ~~SO1 Navy SEAL~~ Memorial Bridge would be an appropriate
34 honor for a local American hero; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates Bridge
37 No. 01-0165 located on the Highway 101 Willits Bypass in the
38 County of Mendocino as the ~~SO1 United States Navy (SEAL)~~
39 Jesse D. Pittman ~~SO1 Navy SEAL~~ Memorial Bridge; and be it
40 further

1 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
2 to determine the cost of erecting appropriate signs, consistent with
3 the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing
4 this special designation and, upon receiving donations from
5 nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
6 further

7 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
8 of this resolution to the ~~Department~~ *Director* of Transportation
9 and to the author for appropriate distribution.